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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

The Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed lease of Thomas Larkin and Monte Vista Elementary Schools from Monterey Peninsula Unified District by the Presidio of Monterey for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) are now available for public review. The 30-Day Public Comment Period begins on February 14, 2005. The DLIFLC and the Presidio of Monterey are designated lead agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act. Copies of the draft EA are available for review at the Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, California, 93940 or the Presidio of Monterey website, www.monterey.army.mil.

The DLIFLC will temporarily lease two closed schools from the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to meet future expansion needs of the language school. The expansions will help DLIFLC's future goals of having students achieve higher proficiency ratings by reducing the student to teacher ratios, increasing the number of classrooms, creating improved and expanded curricula, and expanding overseas training through immersion language training. Most of these objectives will continue supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

If you would like a copy of this draft EA, please call Mr. Josh Garcia at (916) 557-6778 or e-mail: <u>Josh.V.Garcia@usacc.army.mil</u>. The public comment period for this document ends March 15, 2005.

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